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PATENT APPLICATION

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Serial no. :

For : POWERSPLIT LAYSHAFT TRANSMISSION WITH

BEARING PLATE FOR SUPPORT OF RADIAL FORCE

Docket : ZAHFRI P621US

MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION The Commissioner for Patents U.S. Patent & Trademark Office P. O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

#### PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

By way of preliminary amendment, please amend the above identified application as set forth below.

# In the Drawings:

Please amend Figs. 1 and 2 of the drawings presently on file per the attached Submission. Also enclosed are new formal drawings.

### In the Specification:

Please amend paragraphs 002, 003, 004, 005, 014, 015, 021, 022, 025, 042, 043 and Page 9, Reference numerals of the specification as follows in which the specification additions are shown by underlining and the specification deletions are shown by strikeout. Please enter the replacement specification paragraphs into the record of this case.

## In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1-7, without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter therein, in favor of new claims 8-14 as follows.